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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b),  
AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

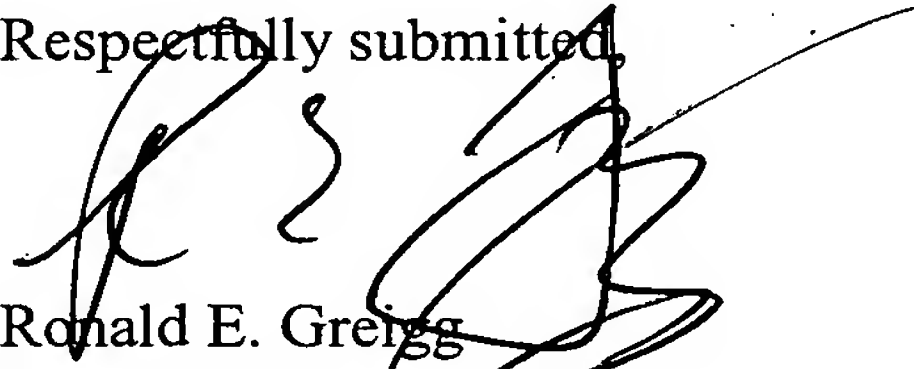
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The invention shows an injection valve with a needle nozzle (2) fitted in a valve housing (1), a fuel feed and a piezoelectric, hydraulically converted control device is designed to permit fast valve actuation in such a way that the needle nozzle (2) can be directly

controlled via a pushrod (7) by a secondary piston (14) which can be operated by the primary piston (19) of the piezoelectric control device. This invention is applicable to diesel fuel injection systems.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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